

## CPS 2023 – 2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### AUGUST

23-24 New Staff Orientation  
28 No School Staff Orientation  
**29 Grades 1 – 9 ONLY**  
**Kindergarten Orientation**  
**30 All Students**

**AUGUST Student Days: 3**

### AUGUST 2023

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

### SEPTEMBER 2023

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

### SEPTEMBER

1 No School  
4 No School (Labor Day)  
20 Half Day (Professional Day)

**SEPTEMBER Student Days: 19**

### OCTOBER

9 No School (Columbus Day)  
19 Half Day (Professional Day)

**OCTOBER Student Days: 21**

### OCTOBER 2023

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

### NOVEMBER 2023

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

### NOVEMBER

7 No School (Full Prof. Day)  
10 No School (Veteran's Day)  
15 Half Day **ELEM. & MS ONLY**  
22 Early Release (Thanksgiving Recess)  
23 No School (Thanksgiving)  
24 No School

**NOVEMBER Student Days: 18**

### DECEMBER

7 Half Day (Professional Day)  
25 December Recess

**DECEMBER Student Days: 16**

### DECEMBER 2023

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
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| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

### JANUARY 2024

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

### JANUARY

2 School Re-opens  
9 Half Day (Professional Day)  
15 No School (Martin Luther King Day)

**JANUARY Student Days: 21**

### FEBRUARY

8 Half-Day (Professional Day)  
19 February Recess  
26 School Re-opens

**FEBRUARY Student Days: 16**

### FEBRUARY 2024

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |    |    |

### MARCH 2024

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

### MARCH

6 Half Day (Professional Day)  
29 No School (Good Friday)

**MARCH Student Days: 20**

### APRIL

2 Half-Day (Professional Day)  
15 April Recess  
22 School Re-opens

**APRIL Student Days: 17**

### APRIL 2024

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

### MAY 2024

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

### MAY

27 No School (Memorial Day)

**MAY Student Days: 22**

### JUNE

19 Juneteeth  
20 Last Day for Students (Half Day)  
21 Last Day for Staff (Half Day)

**JUNE Student Days: 13**

### JUNE 2024

| S  | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

**Total Student Days: 186**

Additional Staff Days: 2.5

(Total Includes Six Provisional Snow Days)

Professional Development  
 Last day Students June 20  
Last day Staff June 21

## Major Religious & Cultural Holidays

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rosh Hashanah*   | September 15-17, 2023           |
| Yom Kippur*      | September 24-25, 2023           |
| Sukkot*          | September 29- Oct. 6, 2023      |
| Diwali           | November 12, 2023               |
| Chanukah*        | December 7-15, 2023             |
| Christmas        | December 25, 2023               |
| Kwanzaa          | December 26, 2023 -Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Chinese New Year | February 10, 2024               |
| Passover*        | April 22-30, 2024               |
| Good Friday      | March 29, 2024                  |
| Easter           | March 31, 2024                  |
| Orthodox Easter  | May 5, 2024                     |
| Ramadan          | March 10 – April 9, 2024        |
| Eid al-Fitr      | April 9-10, 2024                |
| Shavuot*         | June 11-13, 2024                |

*\*All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the holiday.*

The following policies apply to students celebrating the holidays noted above:

- Homework and projects will not be assigned to students observing religious holidays. Teachers shall not schedule tests for those students celebrating observed religious holidays. Students will not be expected to complete daily homework assigned the evening before, or the day of the religious holiday. Assignments and tests should be made up in a time span that is reasonable to both students and teachers (SC Policy 6314.01).
- Observance of a religious holiday shall be viewed as valid justification for student absence, late homework/project submission and delayed testing. It is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to notify the principal/dean/teacher of these dates at the beginning of the school year. In addition, the student shall notify the teacher(s) of the observance date no later than two weeks in advance or as soon as practical (SC Policy 6314.01).

## Scheduled Staff Professional Development Days

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday September 20, 2023 | Student Half Day      |
| Thursday October 19, 2023    | Student Half Day      |
| Tuesday November 7, 2023     | Student NO School Day |
| Thursday December 7, 2023    | Student Half Day      |
| Tuesday January 9, 2024      | Student Half Day      |
| Thursday February 8, 2024    | Student Half Day      |
| Wednesday March 6, 2024      | Student Half Day      |
| Tuesday April 2, 2024        | Student Half Day      |

Wednesday November 15, 2023  
Student Half Day – Elementary and Middle Schools Only

## Starting and Dismissal Schedule

| School           | Start      | Dismissal  | Early Dismissal |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Chelmsford High  | 7:19 a.m.  | 1:52 p.m.  | 10:25 a.m.      |
| McCarthy Middle  | 8:10 a.m.  | 2:30 p.m.  | 11:00 a.m.      |
| Parker Middle    | 8:20 a.m.  | 2:40 p.m.  | 11:10 a.m.      |
| Byam Elem.       | 8:59 a.m.  | 3:18 p.m.  | 11:45 a.m.      |
| Center Elem.     | 8:59 a.m.  | 3:18 p.m.  | 11:45 a.m.      |
| Harrington Elem. | 8:59 a.m.  | 3:18 p.m.  | 11:45 a.m.      |
| South Row Elem.  | 8:59 a.m.  | 3:18 p.m.  | 11:45 a.m.      |
|                  |            |            |                 |
| CHIPS Program    | 8:15 a.m.  | 10:45 a.m. | AM Session      |
|                  | 12:00 p.m. | 2:30 p.m.  | PM Session      |

- Note: Please take notice McCarthy and Parker Middle School start and dismissal times changed slightly based upon the middle school grade level realignment.